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Fakultas Bahasa Dan Seni. Universitas Negeri Padang.

Dalam belajar bahasa Inggris ada faktor-faktor yang menentukan atau disebut

determinan. Penelitian ini dilakukan di Universitas Negeri Padang untuk mengetahui

determinan belajar bahasa Inggris pada anak tunanetra. Ada tujuh responden yang

sedang menempuh pendidikan di Universitas Negeri Padang. Penelitian ini dilakukan

dengan metode kualitatif dan menggunakan kuesioner sebagai alat pengumpulan data.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa determinan pembelajaran bahasa Inggris

mahasiswa tunanetra di Universitas Negeri Padang adalah bakat, motivasi dan

kesempatan. Berdasarkan hasil penelitian, persentase jawaban responden untuk bakat

adalah 53%, kemudian persentase jawaban responden untuk motivasi adalah 71% dan

persentase jawaban untuk kesempatan adalah 67%. Persentase ini cukup untuk

menjawab bahwa bakat, motivasi dan kesempatan menjadi penentu dalam belajar

bahasa Inggris bagi mahasiswa tunanetra di Universitas Negeri Padang.

**Key words**: Belajar Bahasa Inggris, Tuna Netra, Bakat, Motivasi, Kesempatan

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In learning English there are factors that determine or are called determinants.

This research was conducted at Padang State University to find out the determinants of

learning English in children with visual impairments. There were seven respondents

who were studying at Universitas Negeri Padang. This study was conducted with

qualitative methods and using a questionnaire as a tool of data collection. The results of

the study show that the determinants of learning English of students with visual

impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang are aptitude, motivation and opportunity.

Based on the research results, the percentage of respondents' answers for aptitude is

53%, then the percentage of respondents' answers for motivation is 71% and the

percentage of answers for opportunity is 67%. This percentage is sufficient to answer

that aptitude, motivation and opportunity are determinants in learning English for

students with visual impairment at Padang State University.

**Key words**: Learning English, Visual Impairment, Aptitude, Motivation, Opportunity

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#### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of The Problem

A determinant is a cause of something (Hahn, 2021). The term determinant in this sense is a factor that is decisive or final in its nature in a causal relationship. Determinants can be organic in nature and are causal factors that arise from within the organism or the individual. It can also be environmental and also situational have a role as a preliminary condition for the formation of behaviour (Saat, 2015). So, determinant is a factor that determines an occurrence. Differences in individual success in learning a foreign language have prompted psychologists to conduct research to see what factors cause a person to succeed. The following three factors that most often receive attention; namely aptitude, motivation, and opportunity.

According to UNICEF (2020) access to quality education and skills development must be equitable and inclusive for all children and adolescents, regardless of who they are or where they live. Indonesian citizens are given the same rights by the government in getting education. As stated in Law number 20 of 2003 regarding of the education system especially in Chapter IV article 5 stated that citizens who have physical, emotional, mental, intellectual, and social disorder have the right to obtain special education. Moreover, it cannot be denied that education plays an important role in the life of every individual, therefore equality and equity in education need to be strengthened and supported to confirm the need of giving care and attention to all including the students with special needs (Padmadewi & Artini, 2017). In addition, since August, 11th 2004, through a declaration in Bandung, Indonesia has committed Towards Inclusive Education, where the statement is providing an education for all by giving opportunity to all children without exception to get the same education (Diana et

al., 2017). So, every students include student with special needs also have the same right in learning foreign language especially learning English.

Based on history, special schools began to emerge in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, starting with those with sensory impairments. Children who qualify for special education have something wrong with them that make it difficult for them to participate in the regular school curriculum; they thus receive a curriculum that is different from that of their peers. Children with disabilities and other conditions are labelled and excluded from the mainstream of society. Assessment procedures tend to categorise students and this has damaging effects on teacher and parent expectations and on the students' self-concept (Ainscow, 1991; Jenkinson, 1997). Today, during the past two decades, the number of students with special needs being educated in the general education classroom has progressively increased (Whitten & Rodriguez-Campos, 2003). Reports to Congress show that close to 95 percent of students with disabilities are being educated in local general education schools, and 75 percent receive either full inclusion or a combination of inclusive and pull out resource room services (U.S. Department of Education, 2006). Now, children with special needs have obtained an appropriate education as normal students even getting to the higher education. For example, there are already majors available for the education of student with special needs at the universities in Indonesia, one of those is at Universitas Negeri Padang.

English language teaching on students with special needs is not much different from language learning for students in general (Dewi, 2019). There are a large body of research on ELT and student with special needs. Some studies discuss the motivation of student with special needs by (Kholis & Kustiyono, 2020, Syukri & Humaera, 2019, Hu, et al., 2019). Other studies talk about media and method to teach English for student with special needs by (Apriani & Supardan, 2018, Ulfa & Inayati,

2022, Wahyuni, 2019, Astri & Wahab, 2019). English language skills for students with special needs can also be equated with students in general. The researcher specialized the research subject on students with visual impairment because after the results of the discussion with lecturer from the special needs education study program, the conclusion was drawn that students with visual impairment are more effective as participants compared to other students with special needs for several reasons including; complete and adequate physique, adequate thinking ability, and having body parts that are still functioning properly in except vision. This is related to determinants of learning English for normal students, but until now there are still rare studies that focuses on determinants of learning English in student with special needs especially students with visual impairment and based on this background, the researcher is interested in conducting research entitled "Determinant Of Learning English Of students with visual impairment: A Case At Universitas Negeri Padang" to find out the determinant of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang in learning English.

#### **B.** Focus of The Research

Based on the background above, focus of the research is to find out the determinant of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang.

#### C. Formulation of the Problem

The problem of this research is formulated as "What are the determinant of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang?

### **D.** Research Question

Based on the research background above, there are several topics that can be discussed. Then, this research will find the answers of the following research questions:

- 1. What are the determinants of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang?
- 2. Which is the most dominant determinant of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang?

## E. Purpose of the Research

Based on the research questions above, this study aims at finding out:

- To know the determinants of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang.
- 2. To know the most dominant determinant of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang.

### F. Significance of the Research

Based on the background that have been described previously, the significances of this research are to describe the determinant of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang, moreover researcher hope that this study give the benefits:

- Provide information to the general public regarding the determinants of learning English of students with visual impairment.
- 2. Provide experience to researcher because I gain experience to be able to research the determinants of learning English of student withvisual impairment.
- Provide information to the campus to facilitate and pay attention to the needs of learning English of students with visual impairment at Universitas Negeri Padang environment.

## **G.** Definition of Key Terms

#### 1. Determinant

The term determinant in this sense is a factor that is decisive or final in its nature in a causal relationship. Determinants can be organic in nature and are causal factors that arise from within the organism or the individual. It can also be environmental, and also situational plays a role as a preliminary condition for the formation of behaviour (Saat, 2015).

## 2. English

English is a foreign language that is used as a global language to communicate around the world (Nur, 2020; Rajab et al., 2020; Vallente, 2020; Sritrakarn; 2021)

## 3. Learning

Learning has been defined functionally as a change in behavior that results from experience or mechanistically as a change in the organism that results from experience (Houwer et al., 2014).

## 4. Visual Impairment

Visual impairment people are those who have no vision at all until those who still have vision left but don't able to use their eyesight to read writing normal size 12 points in normal light conditions although assisted with glasses (less alert) (Pertuni, 2004)